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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE OFFICE OF PLANNING TO CONVENE THE FOOD SUSTAINABILITY
STANDARD TASK FORCE TO DEVELOP A FOOD SUSTAINABILITY
STANDARD FOR THE STATE.

1 WHEREAS, Hawaii is the most geographically isolated state
2 in the country and imports approximately ninety-two percent of
3 its food; and
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5 WHEREAS, Hawaii's reliance on imported food places Hawaii
6 residents at risk of food shortages in the event of a natural
7 disaster, global economic disruption, or other external event
8 beyond the State's control that would prevent out-of-state food
9 shipments; and
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11 WHEREAS, according to the University of Hawaii College of
12 Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources, replacing ten percent
13 of current food imports with locally grown food will create
14 approximately two thousand three hundred jobs and would keep
15 hundreds of millions of dollars circulating within Hawaii's
16 economy; and
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18 WHEREAS, locally grown food typically ensures fresher
19 produce with greater vitamin content and higher nutritional
20 value; and
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22 WHEREAS, establishing an increase in the production of
23 local food as a key state priority will diversify Hawaii's
24 economy, create new jobs, advance Hawaii's long term economic
25 stability, and increase Hawaii's food resiliency; and
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27 WHEREAS, a state-supported food sustainability standard is
28 the first step in developing a state plan for improving food
29 self-sufficiency and will help establish a strong state
30 commitment to improving food resiliency; now, therefore,
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1 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-seventh
2 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2013, the
3 House of Representatives concurring, that the Office of Planning
4 is urged to convene the Food Sustainability Standard Task Force
5 for the purpose of creating a food sustainability standard for
6 the State; and
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8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Office of Planning is urged
9 to select members for the Food Sustainability Standard Task
10 Force from the Department of Agriculture; Department of
11 Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; Department of Land
12 and Natural Resources; University of Hawaii College of Tropical
13 Agriculture and Human Resources; Land Use Research Foundation of
14 Hawaii; Ulupono Initiative; Kanu Hawaii; Hawaii Farm Bureau
15 Federation; and any other agency or individual the Office of
16 Planning deems appropriate; and
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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Food Sustainability
19 Standard Task Force is urged to consider existing programs,
20 research, and achievements in developing a feasible,
21 coordinated, and interdisciplinary food sustainability standard;
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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Food Sustainability
25 Standard Task Force is urged to consult with appropriate
26 private, nonprofit, community, and government stakeholders
27 regarding a food sustainability standard; and
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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Office of Planning is urged
30 to submit a food sustainability standard developed by the Food
31 Sustainability Standard Task Force, along with proposed
32 legislation that would codify the food sustainability standard,
33 to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the
34 convening of the Regular Session of 2014; and
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36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
37 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of the
38 Office of Planning; Director of Business, Economic Development,
39 and Tourism; Chairperson of the Board of Agriculture;
40 Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources; Dean of
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1 the University of Hawaii College of Tropical Agriculture and
 2 Human Resources; Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii; Ulupono
 3 Initiative; Kanu Hawaii; and Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation.
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